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June 28, 2010

TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Jonathan E. Fielding, M.D., M.P.H.  
Director and Health Officer

SUBJECT: **NOTIFICATION OF EXTENSION AND FUNDING OF FIVE CERTIFIED NEEDLE EXCHANGE PROGRAM SERVICE AGREEMENTS**

This is to inform you that per the authorization approved by your Board on March 9, 2010, I will execute Amendment Number 1 to the Certified Needle Exchange Program (NEP) agreements with Asian American Drug Abuse Program (Contract Number PH-001103); Bienestar Human Services, Inc. (Contract Number PH-001102); Common Ground The Westside HIV Community Center (Contract Number PH-001104); Public Health Foundation Enterprises, Inc. representing Clean Needles Now (Contract Number PH-001110); and Tarzana Treatment Centers, Inc. (Contract Number PH-001111) to continue needle exchange program services for the term of July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011.

The total cost of the five amendments is \$500,000; \$100,000 per agency, 100 percent offset by Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement funds.

Amendment Number 1 will allow the Department of Public Health to continue to support controlled access to clean needles by injection drug users, which will help prevent further transmission of blood borne pathogens. The NEP also provides a venue where the injection drug user population can assess information and referrals to other available medical and social services, including access to drug abuse treatment services.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please let me know.

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c: Chief Executive Officer  
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